

Riverside High School Band

Contract

Explanation:

- Band, unlike other subjects, is both an academic class and an after-school activity at the same time. The “*Curricular*” and “*Extra-Curricular*” aspects of the program cannot be separated and as such band is considered by Kanawha County Schools as “*Co-Curricular*” which means, **with the curriculum**. Because rehearsals and performances occurring outside of the normal school day are vital to the curriculum of the course students will be held accountable for their attendance.

In this contract I will list in detail all expectations and rules pertaining to band students. It is important to keep in mind that students who join band are making a commitment to the group and will be responsible for their part at each meeting. Everyone in band plays all of the time; nobody rides the bench!

Expectations:

- **I expect band members to practice on their own to proficiency on their music.**
- I expect band members to come to class and other rehearsals on time and prepared. To be prepared means that the member must bring their music, all necessary equipment (including their instrument and accessories), and a pencil.
- I expect band members to come to class and rehearsals with a positive attitude, prepared to concentrate on music and to learn necessary skills.
- I expect band members to be present at all performances and after school rehearsals unless some sort of emergency prevents their attendance.
- I expect band members to follow directions quickly and without argument.
- I expect band members to take handouts intended for parents to parents.
- I expect band members to show respect for the feelings and property of others.
- I expect band members to treat the band’s facilities and equipment with respect.
- I expect band members to represent our band and school well through proper behavior and appearance when in public.

Grading:

- Every day that a band member is on time to class and meets my expectations; they will be awarded five points. The only way to lose these points is to show up unprepared, late, or with a poor attitude.
- Every after school rehearsal is worth 25 points. All members present will receive these points unless behavior warrants point deduction.
- Every performance is worth 100 points. All members present will receive these points unless their behavior warrants point deduction.
- We will also periodically have playing tests and written tests. Point values of these tests will vary.
- Students who receive excused absences from a performances or rehearsals will be required to complete written assignments to recover these points. **Points from unexcused absences cannot be recovered.**

Rules and Procedures:

- Band members will respect the property, and feelings of all others at all times. This means that band members should not touch any other person's belongings or in any way ridicule any other band member. All criticism will be constructive in nature.
- When I step onto the podium, all band members will stop playing and talking in order to listen to instruction.
- If you know in advance that you will need to be absent from a rehearsal or performance, I will require that notify me in writing. Having it written down will help me in keeping track of students who I knew were excused.
- If you miss a performance or rehearsal due to an emergency, please bring a note from home or a doctor to me the next day you are in class. If this documentation is not submitted at the next class meeting the absence will not be excused.
- All requests for excused absences must be submitted in writing. Any absence without a written excuse will be unexcused.
- Members who are also involved with extracurricular activities, such as athletics, may sometimes have scheduling conflicts. When this occurs, the coach and I will work out a way to share the student. The student will be informed of our decision and will be expected to split their time as instructed. If absence from a performance or rehearsal is unavoidable, the absence will be excused. **Athletics do not automatically take priority over band.**

Notification:

- I will try my best at all times to keep band members as well as parents informed of any outside of school rehearsals or performances. As a general rule, I will always give at-least two weeks notice.
- Calendars are posted on our web page at RHSWARRIORBAND.COM and, on request will be printed. Occasionally times of performances change or performances and rehearsals are added. In the event that this happens I will give two weeks' notice. If I fail to give at-least two weeks' notice of any outside of school event, lenience will be given.
- Any additional information that parents may need will be sent home in letter form with students.
- I will also use email to send home messages. Students will be asked to complete a "Contact Information" sheet at the beginning of the year. Please list the email address you would like me to use.

Agreement:

- With my signature, I am stating that I have read this contract and agree with its content. I understand that if I am absent from a performance or rehearsal with no legitimate excuse, I will not be awarded the points for that event. I also understand what is expected of me as a member of the Riverside High School Band.

Band Member's Signature

Date

- With my signature, I am stating that I have read this contract and agree with its content. I understand that if my child is absent from a performance or rehearsal with no legitimate excuse, they will not be awarded the points for that event. I also understand what is expected of my child as a member of the Riverside High School Band.

Parent or Guardians' Signature

Date

- With my signature on this contract, I promise to uphold my end of the agreement with fairness. I promise that no one student will be given special advantages over any other. I also promise to be reasonable in the amount of outside of school events that are scheduled.

Bruce A. Mullins

Date

- As the principal of Riverside High School, my signature indicates that I have read this contract and agree with its content. 1

Jane Kennedy -Principal

Date

Permission:

- Since the band travels trips on a fairly regular basis, it would be a lot of paper work to have a permission slip for each trip. You will be notified of any traveling performances in the calendar, but by signing here we will end the need for multiple permission slips for each trip.
- By signing here, I give my child permission to attend any band trips that will take place during the school day. On these trips my child will be supervised by Bruce Mullins and other chaperones as needed. I give my child permission to attend only those trips about which I have been informed. If I decide not to allow my child to attend, that will always be within my rights.

Parent or Guardians' Signature

Date